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**SPECIAL ORDER**

No. 485

Series of 2024

**SUBJECT: DESIGNATION OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY JAMES A. LAYUG AS DA FOCAL PERSON FOR THE NATIONAL TASK FORCE - WEST PHILIPPINE SEA (NTF-WPS)**

Memorandum Circular (MC) No. 94, Series of 2016 creates the National Task Force for the West Philippine Sea (NTF-WPS) to orchestrate and synchronize the capabilities and efforts of the different government agencies to achieve the national objectives in the WPS. One of the Member-Agencies of the NTF-WPS is the Department of Agriculture.


In view of the above and in the exigency of service, **ASSISTANT SECRETARY JAMES A. LAYUG** is hereby designated as **DA FOCAL PERSON FOR THE NTF-WPS**. As such, he shall assist the designated DA Undersecretary who serves as the regular member of the NTF-WPS per MC No. 94, Series of 2016 in the coordination, synchronization, and implementation of activities with the NTF-WPS member agencies and such others as needed and directed by the Secretary.

He shall be entitled to travelling expenses, per diem and other incidental expenses that may be incurred in the performance of his functions, duties and responsibilities in view of the designation, chargeable against OSEC funds, subject to existing government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

All officials and employees of the Department, including its Bureaus, Attached Agencies and Corporations, and DA-Regional Field Offices are hereby advised of this designation and directed to give their full support and cooperation to Asec Layug in the performance of his duties and responsibilities.

This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in force until revoked in writing. All orders, memoranda, and other issuances inconsistent herewith are deemed revoked.

Done this 5<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024.

  
**FRANCISCO P. TIULAUREL JR.**  
Secretary



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